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Kudlak alerts board to cut in state funding

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

At Monday's virtual Zoom meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, School Supt. Pete Kudlak alerted the board to big cuts in funding that are coming due to the coronavirus.

He said since school aid is funded by sales tax and the state has been shut down to fight the virus there is little sales tax being gathered and the district will be taking a big hit in funding.

He said he expects from \$300 to \$1,000 less in school aid per student, which would be from \$1.2 million to \$5 million in total cuts.

"With either number there will be layoffs," he said, noting the "feds" could bail out the state.

"Every district in the state will have a big cut," he said. He said he doesn't like to bring bad news, but he is trying to be transparent.

Board president Amy Pearce said people are anxious about supporting their families and keeping them healthy and safe.

"You've always been very transparent with our community," she said.

"It's particularly hard to hear it now" when teachers are trying to do new things with student education. He said in the midst of that they are having to handle the financial information.

"That's tough," Kudlak said.

Board vice president Susan Featheringill said the district has a fund balance, but cuts to the budget will eliminate that fund balance quickly.

Treasurer Simone Pinter said, "I would hope we wouldn't have to depend on the federal government with everything that's going on."

Kudlak also reported that the graduation exercises planned for May 28 cannot be

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Independent photo by James Oztman

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer has extended the "Stay Safe, Stay Home" executive order through May 15. This banner is draped on the Welcome to Belleville sign at the foot of the Belleville Bridge. Gov. Whitmer recently loosened up her orders to allow for motor boats in the lake, golfing without a cart, the reopening of garden centers, and work by landscapers, among other opportunities. She did order those inside enclosed public spaces to wear masks.

Belleville City Council considers reducing budget, hiring more cops

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

"The budget is pretty difficult, especially with everything moving," said interim City Manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz to lead off Monday's Zoom teleconference of the Belleville City Council.

She said the Wayne County Executive announced he was going to cut \$100 million out of the county budget and sales tax and gas tax incomes are pretty bad.

She said they need to make some serious cuts to the \$2.2 million budget just to balance it. Kobylarz said they thought they could just make it a zero-based budget, same as last year, but they had to look at some staffing changes.

"The budget is a moving target and a lot could happen between now and when we

approve the budget [on June 1]," she said.

Kobylarz said budget changes begin this Sunday when there will be a reduction of hours for all staff not sworn. Police and fire are sworn.

Those with reduced hours could apply for unemployment with a \$600 bonus and they would actually make more money.

"They make more money, but how do we get the work done?" she asked. She said they will not change benefits for the employees.

Kobylarz said she hoped people will stay with the city for this short-term problem. Then she added that they hope it is short-term.

Kobylarz said that evening was the introduction to the budget and the assumptions they made. She said they know there will be changes, especially since they don't know how much money will be coming in.

She asked the council to "try and stay out of the weeds" in the discussion and try to

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Keystone selects Harsant as new board member

By Rosemary K. Oztman
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Steven Harsant of Van Buren Township was selected by the Keystone Charter Academy Board of Directors as a new board member.

At the April 23 special Google Meet virtual meeting, the board voted unanimously to send his name to school authorizer Bay Mills Community College as its selection to take the place of Connie Shull, who has indicated she will not be available for another term because of family health considerations. She intends to serve out her present term through May.

The board interviewed Harsant at the virtual meeting. He said he was a retiree and lives in Belleville and is interested in the education of kids.

"I think Belleville needs more choice than what it gets in the Belleville public school," Harsant said.

He said he has served in the automotive business for General Motors, Nissan and Infinity in field sales, sales, service, parts and was area manager over six states.

When asked if he had ever visited Keystone, he said he hadn't. "The governor won't let us take a tour of anything right now," he said.

He said he didn't have an educational background, but his wife and daughter have been in education for a number of years. He said he will take a business-based look at how the academy is run.

After Harsant left the virtual meeting,

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Detroit Fire Department Captain Franklin Delano Williams, 57, who has lived in Van Buren Township since 2010, died April 8 from complications due to COVID-19. He is the first fire fighter for the City of Detroit to die in the line of duty as a result of COVID-19. See full obituary on page 7.



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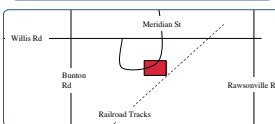
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held at that time and possibly it could be the end of July or beginning of August and if it couldn't be at Eastern Michigan University, as planned, it could be on the football field. Or, there could be a parade, he said.

Trustee Kelly Owen asked if they would have their senior party afterward and Kudlak said he doesn't know and the staff would make that decision.

Kudlak said the previous Monday the Belleville City Council voted to put up banners along Main Street, High Street, and the Belleville Bridge with seniors' pictures on them. He said Councilman Ken Voigt brought forth the idea and he and Voigt knocked the idea around and changed plans to make it work.

Kudlak said they can put up banners for 120 students at once for a month, in three groups. BYC would pay for it and Davenport volunteered to put them up and take them down. At first they thought the school and city would have to share the cost and work of putting them up and taking them down, he said.

He said Belleville High School is collecting pictures and getting permission from the parents. Just the first names will be used and the students will be able to keep the banner with their pictures.

Board secretary Darlene Gerick suggested the students could put their banners on long sticks and carry them in the parade.

Kudlak also noted that last week, the district distributed 9,604 free meals as a total for the week for students. Distribution is drive-through at the high school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

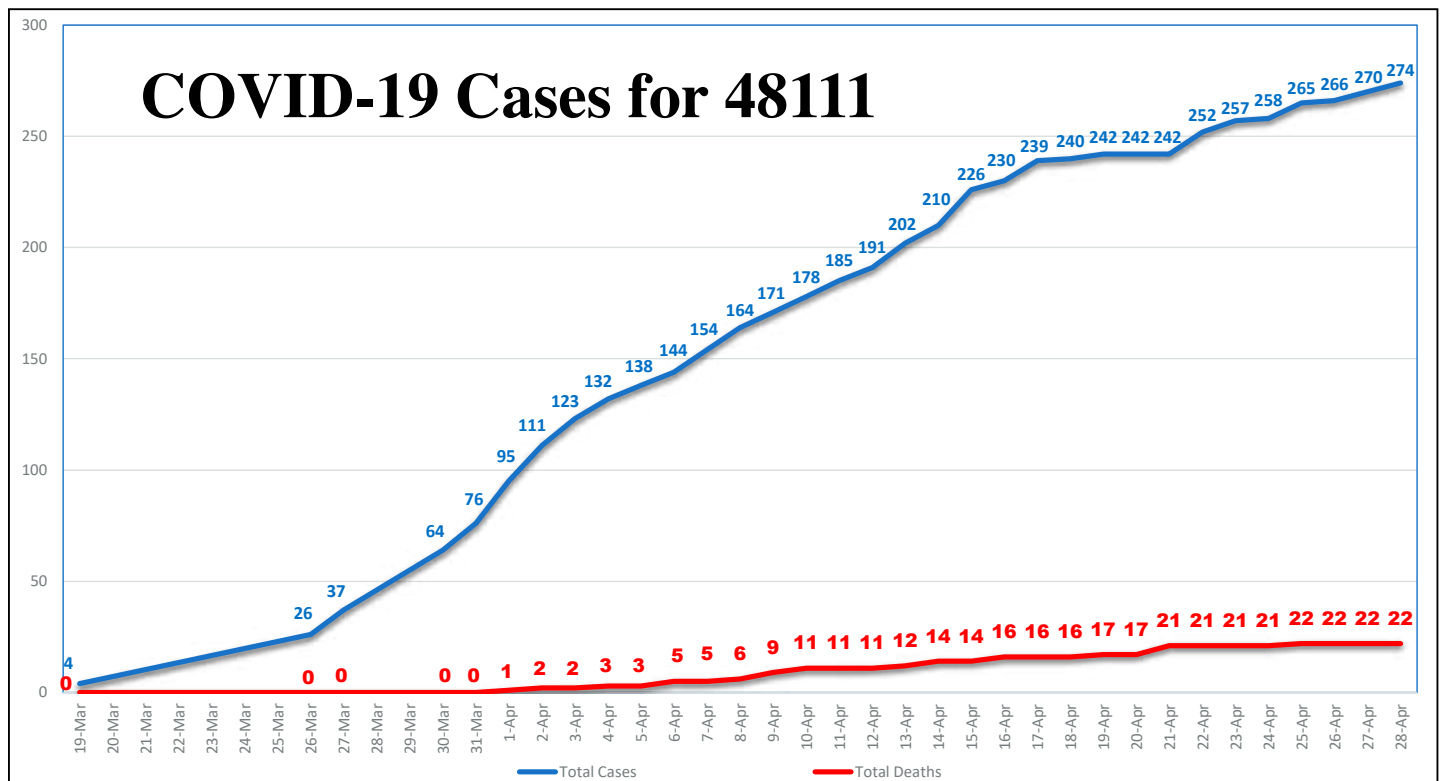
Financial Director Sarah Cortese, who is a regular volunteer at the food distribution, said the previous Thursday they planned for 900 meals and gave out 1,016. She said they give out three meals to each student on Thursdays, so they distributed 6,096 meals that day.

She praised food service supervisor Karen Waller for her work and skill.

President Pearce pointed out a student doesn't have to be in the Van Buren District to get the meals. She referred to the staff preparing and distributing the meals as "awesome."

In other business at the 54-minute virtual meeting, the board:

- Approved the recommendation to purchase four buses at a total cost of \$432,563. Cortese said several older buses have gone into unusable status this year due to various issues with aging buses on very rough road conditions. Cortese said they are working on revising routes for next year and hope to be able to reduce the total number of routes. If that doesn't work out, they may need to come back to the



Numbers by Wayne County Health Department; chart by James Otzman.

The COVID-19 numbers from the Wayne County Health Department for this area started with just "Belleville" rates and around the first of April started breaking them into Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Sumpter Township. The number designated "Belleville" has consistently been the highest and rising. Many people believe the total for 48111, as shown above, is the most accurate for the situation in the tri-community, since what's on a driver's license may or may not be the most accurate designation of residence. Also, the "confirmed" cases listed are only the ones that have been tested.

board for approval to buy a couple more buses;

- Approved the Schools of Choice program participation for the First Semester of the 2020-21 school year. They will offer an unlimited number of openings;

- Approved a change to a board policy to comply with the COVID-19 Continuity of Learning Plan, required by the state. Instead of the C+ or better the board policy required "for credit for subject areas and courses in which a final examination is used as the assessment for successful attainment of the subject area content," now it will be "a grade of D- or better is required." This is equivalent to the 60% grade required by the state plan;

- Approved a motion that said the Van Buren Public Schools district is in favor of adding the Enhancement Education Millage to the November ballot. The first 2-mill, 6-year millage was approved countywide in 2016 and expires in 2021. If it doesn't get on this year's ballot, it can't go on the ballot again until 2022 after it expires, Kudlak explained at a previous meeting. It needs school districts in Wayne County with more than 50% of the students to approve putting it on the county ballot. He said VBPS will lose about \$300 per student if the millage is not renewed. The district received \$1.6 million in the past. He said charter schools are now eligible for the millage, as well, so the district's per-student amount will be down slightly from the current \$360;

- Heard Director of Instruction Jeff Moore report that 550 Chromebooks have been distributed to families so far. He said they were at Rawsonville Elementary earlier that day and were at Tyler last week and Savage the week before. For families still in need of Chromebooks they should go to the district website and apply. He said now giveaways are scheduled at Belleville High School on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, as needed. He said it is the district's intention to get them back to the school before fall classes to clean them up and get them back to the schools for fall classes.

Also, graduating seniors need to turn theirs in;

- Heard Director of Student Services Karen Johnston announce that starting May 18 they will be returning medication to students' families; and

- Heard Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun say he has been meeting one-on-one with principals about staffing. He said they are basing their decisions on the spring count. He said, "If we do make cuts, I would like to do so now, rather than waiting."

Keystone

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Shull made the motion to select him for the position.

"He will have fresh eyes and he is an upstanding man in the community," Shull said.

Andrew Roth, representative of National Heritage Academies, said the selection gave Harsant permission to fill out the application. He said it will have to be sent to the school authorizer Bay Mills and the whole procedure will take some months.

In other business at the 56-minute virtual meeting, the board:

- Approved the Keystone Academy Continuity in Learning Plan and Charter Contract Amendment Resolution. In response to COVID-19, the plan is required

by the state to continue to receive state aid for operations. NHA representative Roth said the plan has to be approved by April 28 for physical mailed lessons for students and remote lessons. "It's what we were doing, plus some tweaking," he said. Principal Jorvanna Drain said the state has identified standards that have to be completed before June. Board president Vesta Losen said the teachers have online classes, with math one day and ELA (English Language Arts) another day. There also are games, she said. Board treasurer Charlene Derrick said her son does better with the actual booklets sent. "He wanders off" from the online lessons. "The books are more disciplined for him," she said. President Losen asked if there were enough Chromebooks for all the students and Drain said not yet, but there will be next school year. She said another

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OPINIONS

Editorial

City Council, School Board advised of loss of revenue

It's not only families who are hurting because of the Stay Home, Stay Safe response to COVID-19 in Michigan. Family members can't go to work and haven't been able to go shopping except at grocery stores that don't charge sales tax.

There is a lot that depends on tax money and that money isn't going to be there.

On Monday evening, two local groups of elected officials were holding virtual sessions and both were discussing a serious loss of revenue.

The Belleville City Council was at Day One of its budget sessions to set the balanced \$2.2 million budget mandated by the state and learning their state revenue would be less by an estimated 30%.

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education was in a regular meeting, spending more than \$400,000 on buses because four or so old ones were red-tagged and learning they would be losing up to \$5 million in state aid.

The city is putting all full-time workers on half time – except for police and fire employees. The school district knows there will be layoffs of teachers because they can't afford to pay them.

Will the state or federal government swoop down with bags of money to solve all the problems? That's highly unlikely, so as the coronavirus abates, elected officials throughout our state and others will be searching for ways to balance their budgets while offering the needed services. The times that try men's souls.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

In going over the candidates for offices in this area, we find that Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Belleville's interim city manager, filed as a Democrat on the April 21 deadline date to run for treasurer of Redford Township, where she lives, but withdrew from the race April 24. She currently is supervisor of Redford Township, but a superintendent runs the township.

Belleville attorney John Day and Romulus attorney Alexandria Taylor filed as candidates for 34th District Court in the Aug. 4 primary election. Other candidates are incumbent David Parrott and VBT attorneys Robert Coutts and Lisa Martin.

Because of one of the governor's executive orders, the judicial candidates now have until May 8 to file, instead of the original April 21 deadline. Other candidates could still be coming for this seat.

Dr. James Dawson of Van Buren Township called Monday to tell of a strange thing that happened to his wife. He said her mother died last year and they got their taxes, including his mother-in-law's taxes, done across the hall from our office at Belleville Tax and Accounting. They provided a death certificate and her taxes were marked "deceased."

On Monday they got a supplemental check in the name of his mother-in-law, with the notation "deceased." It came in care of his wife and noted they had to check a little box and mail the check back if the payee was really deceased. Also, it noted all kinds of bad things that would happen to you if you forged the signature. Also, you have to verify the person is really deceased.

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



He said they already verified that and the check says "deceased." He said that made his wife feel like they were accusing her of something. Also, he said, the government was wasting postage sending it out and then his family had to pay postage to send it back.

A woman called us on Monday to say that Sumpter Township offices were open and you could walk right in. She said no one was wearing masks, that she could see, and they weren't standing six feet apart. It amazed her and she had to tell somebody.

Last week and the week before the township offices were locked up tighter than a drum and those who wished to file for office had to do so by mail. One sent it by certified mail, but nobody would come out to sign for the mail. Finally, some told me they dropped their paperwork in the outside locked box that goes into the treasurer's office.

Ruth Bleeker sent me a message: "Here we go again!!" She included a scam message from Chase that her account "has been locked." The "Chase" message asked her to update her "primary e-mail address, contact address, and verification details." It also warned her that they are going to permanently lock her account if she gives the wrong details.

She sent the letter to the real Chase to show them what was being sent out that obviously wasn't from the real Chase.

It was really great to see all the landscaping firms out on Monday after they had been allowed to work by the governor. We saw long lines of trucks going hither and yon to cut people's yards and make a little money for a change.

Also, now we can buy flowers, although it's much too early to put them out. Remember that snow we had last week?

Hopefully other businesses will be open soon, so families can get some income.

I know someone who was furloughed a month ago and has yet to get an unemployment check. He doesn't have a family to support, but if he did, he would be in dire straits.

There was some discussion at Monday's budget session of the Belleville City Council about care of Hillside Cemetery. The council was told money has been put aside in the new budget for summer care of the cemetery.

In the past the city allocated an employee, Ray, who took very good care of the cemetery, but he passed away. Council will look into whether getting someone contracted for that would be better. When it was suggested the court workers could do it, most thought that wasn't a very good idea.





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Letters

Thank you to VBT police, fire, dispatch

To the editor:

Unlike millions of Americans who can work from home during the COVID-19 crisis, our public safety employees are on the front lines keeping the community safe. Protective measures like stay-at-home and social distancing aren't always an option for these individuals, leaving them at a higher risk for catching the novel coronavirus as they perform their critical jobs.

Van Buren Township police officers, fire fighters and dispatchers have had to adapt to many challenges while maintaining the same high level of service to our community.

Police officers and fire fighters are always on the front lines of responding to societal problems. They are tasked with responding to our community's mental health crisis. They must deal with violent people despite intense public pressure and criticism ... the list goes on. COVID-19 is now the most pressing problem we have faced in generations and our police and fire fighters will be there to respond. Their role is the same, but their responsibilities now include having to be concerned with a new infectious disease while protecting the public.

While the majority of people are tucked into their homes, our Public Safety employees are taking the risk daily to keep our community safe. Their commitment and dedication are without question as they continue to deliver a high level of service. These employees share the same concerns and fears as any other person during this crisis. Each shift, however, they must leave their families, personal problems and concerns at home. During their shift they do not know if they will have contact with somebody who is confirmed or suspected COVID-19. At the end of their shift, these same employees must then return home not knowing if they had been exposed.

This is the sacrifice that each one of our employees makes each and every day for our community.

The support that our community has shown our public safety employees has been overwhelming. Donations of hand sanitizer, face masks, cleaning supplies and words of encouragement have been often and greatly appreciated.

I would like to personally acknowledge and thank each police, fire and dispatch employee. They have persevered during this crisis and continue to answer the call. This fight is far from over, but there are no greater employees I would rather have by my side during this crisis. Each day brings a new challenge and I know that these fine men and women will continue their dedicated service to our great community regardless the circumstances. I am humbled and proud to be a part of such a great team.

Thank You
Lieutenant Mark Buckberry
Van Buren Township Police Department

Help Kiwanis honor our 48111 postal workers

Dear Community Members:

The Belleville Area Kiwanis members would like to invite you to join us beginning May 1 and during the whole month to honor and thank our 48111 postal workers.

The ladies and gentlemen that work at our 48111 Post Office continue to work while the COVID-19 pandemic has caused most of our nation to shut down. A service older than the nation itself is just as important today as the day it was created!

The Belleville Area Kiwanis Club will be providing lunch for our postal workers on Wednesday, May 6 -- a beautiful sandwich lunch from Angel Food catering with sandwiches, fruit, cookie, chips, a pickle, and a soda. The Club purchased and posted a "Thank You" sign in front of our 48111 Post Office for the month of May!

What can you do? Kiwanis would like to suggest that you decorate your mailbox and/or write a thank you note to your carrier, and/or give your carrier a small token of your appreciation! I would like to suggest that letter-writing is a life-skill, and writing a note or making a picture for your carrier would be an excellent project for your stay at home student -- just put it in your mailbox! Actually, a letter from us older folks would be great practice, too!

We count on our carriers to deliver our medications, voting ballots, e-commerce orders, and the stimulus checks even though we know they are at risk of contracting the virus as they handle mail and packages from around the world.

Please join Belleville Area Kiwanis Club as we thank our 48111 postal workers! Send us pictures of what you do -- share with us on our Belleville Area Kiwanis Club Facebook page or send us an email at bellevilleareakiwanisclub@gmail.com and tell us what you did! A special thank you to Ahearn Signs of Belleville and Angel Food Catering of Van Buren for their partnership!

Stay safe!
Karen Mida
Belleville Area Kiwanis Club

The show must go on, but have festival smaller

To the editor:

The show must go on. That's my thought on what was our past Strawberry Festival. I think that carnivals, fairs, and festivals are important because they are fun and just a good get-together for so many.

My wish for next year is to continue on, but on a smaller scale such as the size of our Monday car show. It could be just as interesting and fun, but have a much better traffic flow and more parking.

Also, a smaller event could be done with volunteers, not paid organizers.

Jim Graham
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Obituaries



Leona Marie VanBuhler

LEONA MARIE VAN BUHLER

(August 16, 1929 – April 14, 2020)

Leona Marie VanBuhler, age 90, a resident of Canton passed away April 14, 2020.

Leona retired in May of 1989 as Executive Director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce after spending many years directing Chamber activities. Ted Kuckelman started the Chamber in Belleville in 1960. Leona was his assistant and took over his duties when he passed away. Since 1990 the chamber has honored a worthy member with the Leona VanBuhler Chamber Member of the Year Award. Leona also served on the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation helping to award grants to many commendable local projects.

Leona filled her life with love and family and enjoyed many activities, such as golf, crafting, travel, camping at the lake, and sewing.

Leona was the wife of Anthony Ray; mother of Gwen, Gary (Bernice), Janet Catoe, and Joan (Nancy) Van Reece. She loved her grandchildren Patrick (Josine) Cleary, Eric (Mary) and Evan VanBuhler and her great-grandchild Avery VanBuhler. She was the sister of Ralph (Veronica). She was preceded in death by brothers Norman and Howard. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

The family will plan a service to honor Leona's life at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson's Foundation, parkinson.org.

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More Letters

A hurricane starts with a butterfly fluttering...

To the editor:

I see the "party" plans on censuring State Rep. Karen Winsatt from Detroit for thanking the president. Whatever happened

to "I may disagree with what you to have say, but will defend to the death your right to say it"? I guess you MUST follow the party rules or be punished.

If this doesn't bother you like it does me, look up a poem by Pastor Martin Niemoller.

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Obituaries



Captain Franklin Delano Williams, Jr.

CAPTAIN FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, JR.

(September 15, 1962 – April 8, 2020)

Captain Franklin Delano Williams, Jr., resident of Belleville, MI since May 2010 passed away April 8, 2020 from complications due to Covid-19. He is the first firefighter for the City of Detroit to die in the line of duty as a result of Covid-19.

Franklin was educated in the Detroit Public School system, graduating from Denby High School in 1982. While at Denby, he exhibited athleticism that resulted in him being a football and track star. He was voted most "Athletic Player." Franklin received a Brick Masonry Certification from Golightly Vocational School in Detroit. In 1988 he joined the Detroit Fire Department as a firefighter. Franklin nobly served, dedicated, inspired and mentored new cadets while serving with the Detroit Fire Department while aspiring to the rank of Captain. He always went above and beyond to get the job done. Everyone he came in contact with he touched and impacted.

Franklin had many leisure activities. He had a fond love for golfing and played on courses throughout Michigan and all over the world. He was an avid Detroit Lions fan who proudly held season tickets along with his wife who tailgated for every Lions home game. He was also a coach for many years with the Police Athletic League (P.A.L.), coaching for the Eastside Cowboys, the Detroit Dragons and Crockett. He impacted the lives of his players in the same manner as he encouraged his new cadets. Franklin was also Past Master of Redeemer Lodge 53.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Shanita; his father Franklin Williams, Sr.; children, Carolyn Rivers (John), Ashley Williams, Franklin Williams, III, Andre Johnson, Dorian Williams, Georgia McCaughan and Jordyn Williams; sisters, Gloria Newman, Josephine Williams (Elroy), Antoinette Williams, Sherrita Williams and Carla Williams; brothers, Antoine Williams and Kenneth Threat; sisters-in-law, Jerona Green, Karla Gray (preceded in death) and Sonja Rodgers (Lawrence); grandchildren whom he lovingly called grandson #1 Amir Williams, grandson #2 Robert Terry (RJ), 1st little lady Rylee Davenport and grandson #3 Brayden Davenport; his godson Ronald Calloway, Jr. and a host of nieces and nephews, in-laws and his many brothers and sisters in the Detroit Fire Department and all First Responders.



LARRY RUSSELL DUNSMORE

(April 5, 1947 – April 25, 2020)

Age 73, of Willis, MI. Survived by daughter Tracy; stepson Wayne; grandsons Brandon, Corey; granddaughters Jessica, Morgan, Kaila, Melanie; sister Norma Jean. Cremation rites have been accorded. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Juanita J. Martin

JUANITA J. MARTIN

(November 15, 1934 – April 22, 2020)

Juanita J. Martin, age 85, long-time Belleville resident, passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at her home under hospice care, surrounded by her family. She was born November 15, 1934 in Carmi, Illinois, daughter of Leniul Isac & M. Naomi (Doty) Trout.

She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1952. Juanita worked for Kaiser Frazier, Coy Kendall Greenhouse, Ypsilanti State Hospital, and, of course, alongside her beloved husband, Fritz, at their automotive repair shop -- Martin & Son. Her favorite job, by far, was taking care of her family. Mrs. Martin was a kind person and loved by all those who met her. She touched many lives and was lovingly referred to as Grandma/GG by many. She was always willing to help her family and friends.

She is survived by her devoted husband of nearly 70 years, Frederick "Fritz" Martin; three children: Rona (Edward) Nowak, Jona (Ronald) Ramey and Randy Martin; 5 grandchildren: Marinda (Bobby) Golden, Deidra (Matthew) Kibler, Brent (Mandy) Martin, Brendan (Chelsey) Nowak, Jared (Lottie) Nowak; 8 great-grandchildren: Mason, Max, Henry, Magnus, Ellie, Charlie, Olive, Naomi. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers: Gerald, Charles and Hubert.

A private visitation was held for the family. Interment will be in Alban Cemetery, Ypsilanti Township, MI. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI.

The family will host a public Celebration of Juanita's life once the COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted. Memorial contributions may be made to Southern Care Hospice and would be appreciated by the family.

WENDELL JAMES WHITLEY

(November 12, 1945 – April 19, 2020)

Wendell James Whitley, age 74, of Sumpter Township, MI, died suddenly, Sunday, April 19, 2020 at his home. He was born November 12, 1945 in Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. Whitley valued education and received his college degree in Pharmacy. He was a plant supervisor for Chrysler Corp before he retired. He was a member of the U.A.W. He was an avid bowler who enjoyed building model boats, fixing cars and riding his motorcycle.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 52 years, Annette; two sons Arnold of Belleville and Gregory Wendell of Florida; grandson Logan Oliver Whitley; also a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

According to his wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. www.davidcbrownfh.com

SANDRA LEA OCHALEK

(September 25, 1959 – April 19, 2020)

Age 60, of Romulus, MI. Survived by son Ryan Ochalek; two daughters Kristin Lee and Danielle Lee; 11 grandchildren; seven siblings. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Obituaries



Mary Katherine Johnson

MARY KATHERINE JOHNSON

(November 2, 1965 – April 21, 2020)

Mary Katherine Johnson, age 54, of Blissfield, MI, passed away, April 21, 2020, with her husband and children by her side at The Toledo Hospital. She was born November 2, 1965, in Jenkins, KY, the daughter of Beldon Sykes and Elizabeth Keith. Mary grew up in Sumpter Township and was known to many as Kathy. Mary worked for Nokia installing and maintaining equipment. She enjoyed the outdoors, camping, boating, spending time at the lake and being with family and friends.

Mary is survived by her husband William Johnson; her children, Jessica (Kyle) Summers, Mary Summers, Kenneth (Chelsae) Summers and Hunter Johnson; her grandchildren, Isaac and Kinsley; her siblings, Brian (Sarah) Sykes, Anthony (Gail) Sykes, Gregory (Kelly) Sykes and Lolita Sykes; and several nieces and nephews. Also surviving are her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Robert (Phyllis) Austin; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Paul (Melissa) Johnson. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

LEONTINE 'TINA' McCLENTON

(April 4, 1933 – April 19, 2020)

Age 87, of Van Buren Township, died at Cedar Woods Assisted Living Care Center. Survived by daughter Deborah Reed; two grandsons Edward and Anthony; four great-grandchildren. David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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Paul James Schaerer

PAUL JAMES SCHAEERER, SR.

(May 30, 1945 – April 27, 2020)

Paul James Schaerer, Sr., age 74, life-long Belleville resident, passed away Monday, April 27, 2020 at his home, following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born May 30, 1945 in Ypsilanti, MI, son of the late Harold and Gladys (Elliott) Schaerer.

Paul was a member of the Belleville High School class of 1964. He quit school in 10th grade when his dad died. He worked for the Ypsilanti Ford Motor Company plant for 40 years and 4 months before he retired from setting-up robots. He was a member of the U.A.W. Local #849. He had several acres of land in Sumpter Township and enjoyed farming, especially pumpkins.

Survived by loving companion Denise Burkeen; three children Paul James Schaerer, Jr. of Belleville, MI, Betsy Elliott of Romulus, MI and Ronald Monroe of Belleville, MI; two granddaughters Emily Ann Elliott and Dakota Monroe; a great-grandson Caden; brother Clyde (Charlotte) Schaerer of Belleville, MI; also several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents, wife Sally (Baker) Schaerer on December 14, 2012, also a sister Diane Webster.

Visitation will be Friday, May 1, 2020 from 1-6 PM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a strict limit of ten (10) people in the building at one time, so there will be an opportunity for people to drive through and pay their last respects to Paul. Private Funeral Services will be held. Interment will be with his wife Sally in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice and would be appreciated.

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Linda Susan Darr

LINDA SUSAN DARR

(August 31, 1948 – April 23, 2020)

Linda Susan Darr (Krusiewicz) passed away peacefully in her home on April 23, 2020 at the age of 71. She was born August 31, 1948 in Detroit, Michigan to Bruno and Lillian Krusiewicz.

She was a board trustee for the Fraternal Order of the Eagles. She took pleasure in planning and working various parties, luncheons, and charity events. Through the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, she was fortunate in making lifelong friends whom she enjoyed spreading her free time with.

She was preceded in death by her husband William Darr, also four brothers Louie, Leo, Walter, and Richard.

Linda is survived by her sister Shirley Lesniak; her four children, Shelly (Terry) Kuhn, Paul Throneberry, Dawn Sanders, and Mary Darr; 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no immediate funeral or memorial services. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. When conditions permit, there will be a memorial service for close family and friends held at the Eagles to celebrate Linda's life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and would be appreciated by the family.

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Rita L. Hoot

RITA L. HOOT

(October 2, 1953 – April 25, 2020)

Age 66 of Belleville, died Saturday, April 25, 2020 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Twp., Michigan. She was born October 2, 1953 in Montgomery, West Virginia, to Walter and Betty Jo (Lambert) Bryant. On April 24, 1971 she married Raymond Timothy Hoot and he survives.

Rita graduated from Milan high school with the class of 1971. She owned and operated Mainstreet Brokers in Belleville for over 15 years. Rita was a loving grandmother who enjoyed plenty of sleepovers with her grandchildren. She will be remembered for her thoughtfulness and always helping others.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter Amy (Tommy) Coleman of Belleville; a son Raymond (Rebecca) Hoot, Jr. of Ypsilanti; three grandchildren, Noah Coleman, Ava and Raymond "R.J." Hoot; a brother Allen Bryant of West Virginia; a sister Ann (Bud) Baker of Dundee; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and an extended group of close family friends.

Visitation will be held at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home, Milan on Thursday, April 30, from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and on Friday, May 1, from 12:00 (noon) until time of funeral service beginning at 1:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Marble Park Cemetery, Milan. Contributions may be made to Aid in Milan. www.ochalekstark.com.

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City Council

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put a balanced budget together. Then she turned it over to Kelly Howey, the city's financial consultant from Plante Moran.

Howey said a couple of months are left in the current budget and there are payroll costs, with people leaving the city. She said she didn't want to get into the details, but they will take a closer look at changes made in the budget over the last year.

She said the seawall cost \$295,000 and a grant came to cover \$250,000 worth of that, but there are more expenses on the project. She said the council also levied a public safety assessment.

Howey said the state shared revenue is less than anticipated and there has been quite a bit of employee turnover, including office staff, police chief, city manager, and one officer and this means considerable payout.

She said for the new budget, there is \$157,000 requested over the revenues.

Fire Chief Brian Loranger said his concern is for the fire truck needed to replace his 1989 truck. He said the special assessment was \$50,000 and he wants it put away for the fire truck.

Howey said it has been the intent of the

city council to have a capital purchase fund, but that has not happened. The purchase of a fire truck would have to come from another area of the general fund.

"Not the special assessment?" Loranger asked. "If you're not using it for that, what are you using it for?"

Howey said the special assessment was used up for other things.

"The bait and switch we talked about," Loranger said.

"It was for turnout gear and other equipment," Howey said.

"Where does \$4,000 come from for a coat and pair of pants for a new fire fighter?" he asked.

He said he asked the city manager about fixing the door and roof at the fire hall. He said the metal door won't stay shut unless he pushes a heavy weight against it and then it's hard to open.

"I'm concerned about my 1989 fire truck," he said. "I get it that I'm not getting it this year."

Howey said there is \$4,000 in the budget for new equipment and repairs and Loranger can move money between line items. "A lot of items are at your discretion," she said.

Kobylarz said he asked for \$137,000 and, "We all know you want more."

"I'm not complaining about what's in my budget, but I'm still concerned about the fire truck," he said.

Howey said they went through the revenue lines of the budget before they could get to the expenditures.

She said by the time they got through the wages and contracts and other commitments, there was not a lot left to play with.

Howey said the only cost in the recommended budget is a police vehicle. That's a one-year payment on a three-year purchase and costs to outfit the vehicle.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jesse Marcotte asked for the assumptions on the state revenue.

"At this point, property taxes are the largest amount coming in and the property values haven't changed," she said. "The question is when will people pay those taxes, for a cash flow? And, what kind of foreclosures will we have?"

The State Shared Revenue and road funds from the gas tax, for the fiscal year they currently are in, will be reduced 20 or 30%

of what they expected this year, she said.

Kobylarz said that means a 30% reduction for the whole budget.

"I hope we're wrong," she said.

Kobylarz said Police Chief Dave Robinson's father died and he was on his way to Oklahoma.

On behalf of the chief, Kolbylarz explained the major changes he requested for his department.

He wants nine full-time police officers and of those nine, two will be promoted to sergeant level. He would like to hire retired personnel already trained and this would allow two officers per shift.

Clerks Tina and Carol are retiring April 30 and those positions are not to be refilled at this time. The administrative work would be transferred to the two sergeants and they would get a 4% increase in compensation.

Kobylarz said all the police vehicles are paid off and surplus equipment can be sold. She said the fire department also had a couple of pickups in the back yard and they could get something for them.

"It's not a decision tonight," she said. "Please think about it."

She said there are six full-time officers now since Tim Trombley is retiring. With nine full-time officers, there would be no part-time, she said.

"I'm not sure I'm comfortable with that," Mayor Kerreen Conley said. She said with the amount the city paid in overtime, adding \$100,000 plus is a pretty big expense, jumping to nine with loaded benefits.

"From a cost perspective, I don't know what caused that need," Mayor Conley said, noting they will be having further discussions with the police chief when he returns.

Councilman Tom Fielder said if they are not hiring two clerks in the police department and are having the sergeants doing the work, it ends up having the highest paid doing administrative work.

"With the existing staff, we haven't looked at what automation has done to the work," Mayor Conley said. "If we're making sergeants, maybe it will be easier for the officers." She said they will have some conversation on that at the next meeting.

The board also discussed no longer buying back graves for \$675 each. The graves are sold to city residents for \$800 each, \$1,100 for Sumpter and Van Buren residents, and \$1,400 for those who live elsewhere.

Clerk Sherri Scharf said most of the graves were purchased for as little as \$400.

"We should have something in writing

that we're not doing this any more," Clerk Scharf said.

Mayor Conley asked if they had heard whether the Wayne County Mental Health Authority will be having grants this summer. She said VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara is on the board of that group and, "He was going to grab all our money once. He's famous for that."

Scharf said the city is not informed until the very last minute on whether they're going to get a grant. "Their notice is very tardy," she said.

"Kevin would know," Fielder said. "Two years ago they tried to short us out."

More budget discussions will take place at the 6 p.m., May 11, and 6 p.m., May 13 sessions, with the public hearing and adoption of the budget set for the June 1 meeting.

The city's next regular meeting is set for 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 4.

Keystone

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distribution of Chromebooks will be next week in a driveup service, where parents accept responsibility for the Chromebook and then they drop it in the trunk;

- Heard president Losen ask about free meals for students. Principal Drain said they no longer offer the meals, since only two families showed up when they did. She said the families can go to any other NHA school. She said East Arbor is 6.7 miles away. Drain said families can go anywhere to get lunches. She said she did not tell families to go to the Van Buren Public Schools for their lunches;

- Voted unanimously to set aside \$1,500 to provide lunches or snacks from a local restaurant for teachers when they are able to come into the school to close up their classrooms. "They will be very grateful," Drain said. The board also closed out the former allocation for teacher/staff Appreciation Day that would have provided pedicure/manicure services;

- Approved end-of-year appreciation gifts for teachers and staff. Derrick said the PTO purchased oil diffusers through a loan from Losen and Losen will be reimbursed by the board. The diffusers, which are wood grain and shut off by themselves, will be used in the classrooms. The diffusers change colors and have several different aromas, including lavender, which the teachers say is calming to the students; and

- Heard Drain say that parents are being very supportive of efforts by the school to continue the students' educations.

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The annual arts and garden show hosted by Cheryl Wagner Greenhouse that was scheduled for this month is canceled because of the shelter-in-place order and instead they will offer a virtual art and garden show this Sunday, May 3, beginning at 10 a.m. on their Facebook page. For info on how to shop or show information, call (734) 699-9050.

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VBT to hold virtual regular board meeting on Tuesday, May 5

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees will hold an electronic regular board meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 5.

To participate in the meeting electronically, the public may follow the instructions which will be posted in advance of the meeting on the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees agenda webpage: <https://vanburen-mi.org/meetings-agendas-and-minutes/board-of-trustees/>

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VBT Fire Chief Amy Brow returns to job after leave of absence

On Monday, April 27, Van Buren Township Fire Chief Amy Brow returned to work after a lengthy medical leave.

"I'm pleased to announce that Amy Brow will be returning back to work as Van Buren Township Fire Chief and would like to thank Interim Chief McNally for his



Brow

leadership during Chief Brow's leave," said VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain. "McNally has performed an exemplary job these past several months, especially during the COVID-19 crisis."

In January 2020 McNally was appointed as Interim Fire Chief and now will return to being Fire Marshal for the Township.

"It was a pleasure filling in for Chief Brow while she was on leave," McNally said. "We have a very professional department that works hard for each other

and their community. I am honored to have led such an awesome group of people, and even prouder to go back to work alongside them again.

"Thank you to Chief Brow, Director Laurain, and the township board for giving me the opportunity," McNally said.

Brow has been with the Township since April 2017 and has implemented many new changes under her leadership.

"She empowers her staff to do better, always act with safety in mind, and remain

physically and mentally fit," said McNally.

Brow helped expand the fire department to six full-time firefighters and lead the purchasing of new and improved equipment for the department.

"Without Amy Brow's leadership, our fire department would not be what it is today," said Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "We're thankful for Interim Chief McNally's hard work during her leave and excited to welcome back Fire Chief Brow." *VBT press release*

News release:

Van Buren Township hall remains closed until May 15 by Gov. order

In response to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-59 (COVID-19) to extend the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order, all Van Buren Township administration offices, Parks and Recreation and the Senior Center will remain closed until Friday, May 15.

Emergency Services (Police, Fire & Dispatch) will remain open.

Van Buren Township will continue to work remotely. For emergencies, such as a water main breaks, contact Van Buren Township Dispatch at (734) 699-8930. For non-emergencies, government services and/or general questions (building permits, Focus Hope, water and sewer bills, etc.) call (734) 699-8910 and leave a message. A staff member will return your call.

Residents are encouraged to pay taxes and water bills online or use the drop box in front of township hall.

Tax and utility payments via debit, credit card or Echeck can be made at <https://bsoonline.com/Home/WelcomePage>

Residents may sign up for automated debit for utility bill payments with this form: https://vanburen-mi.org/Forms/Automatic_Water_Bill_Payment.pdf

When paying online, there will be a processing fee.

The drop box in front of township hall and the drop box in the Public Safety lobby are checked daily (checks only).

Yard waste pick up resumed the week of April 20. Bulk pick-up is still suspended until further notice. Trash and recycling are operating as scheduled. Waste Management crews are working as quickly as possible based on crew availability. If a yard waste sticker or landfill pass to drop off bulk items is needed, call (734) 699-8926, leave

a detailed message including name, address and phone number

For police and fire reports, submit a Freedom of Information Act request available on the Township website: <https://vanburen-mi.org/officials/clerk/>. The FOIA request form can also be emailed and/or faxed directly by contacting the Records Office at (734) 699-8939 or by emailing Tina Harman at tharman@vanburen-mi.org. When sending email requests, write FOIA Request in the subject line.

Copies of traffic crash reports can be obtained on the CLEMIS website: www.clemis.org. The report number is needed in order to obtain a copy of the report. These reports can also be obtained by submitting a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request form. To get a report number, contact the Records Office at (734) 699-8939.

Due to records window closure at this time, local background checks will not be done at the window. Visit the State of Michigan website: www.michigan.gov to

obtain an ICHAT background check through the State of Michigan.

The township website has a list of local resources available to assist residents seeking food, shelter, utility assistance, mental health resources, un-employment information, small business loans, grants, and more. See <http://vanburen-mi.org/>.

The township has partnered with the Van Buren DDA and Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce to create a COVID-19 Business Directory. Visit <https://vanburendda.com/> to see which businesses are open as essential services. If you're a business that has remained open visit the website and fill out the form that only takes three minutes.

All Township events have been canceled until July 5. This includes fireworks and the first session of summer camp. Refunds will be issued for those who have registered for camp and classes. The Senior Center will continue with the emergency foods program including Meals on Wheels, but will remain closed for senior activities.



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Van Buren Twp. offers tri-community resources interactive map

Van Buren Township announces release of an interactive tri-community resource map containing information from businesses and non-profit organizations who provide a wide variety of services in and around the township.

The new interactive map will allow residents to find resources by location and

connect with business and organization who offer assistance, support and essential services.

Community resource categories include clothing, emergency services, families and children, financial assistance, food, mental health, housing and shelters.

By following the link, users will be

directed to a page with seven tabs (desktop or laptop view) or sliding screens (mobile device view) for each community resource category. In each tab/screen, users will be able to navigate and click on points to see the provider's website, phone number, and address, if available. A full listing of all providers also appears on the display panel (desktop or laptop) or by clicking on the

"i" for information when using a mobile device.

The map also includes a listing of tri-community businesses that are open and providing essential services during the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order.

To view the map visit: <https://vanburen-mi.org/map/>.



- May 1 – Leslie Ferguson, Jenny Niemann Genimatas, Kaylee McArthur
May 2 – Bill Rider
May 3 – Denise Weick, Shari Antieau
May 5 – David Cappelli, Jerry LaVaute, Patrick Hubbs
May 6 – Brenda Leonard, James Demond
May 7 – Terri Morioka, Karma Mercer
May 21 – Cheyenne Broome
May 27 – Marion Reynolds

Do you or someone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* and we will publish as soon as possible.

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE
Special City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 17, 2020

A special called meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order by Mayor Conley at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**
2. ROLL CALL
Mayor Conley Present
Council Member Bates Present
Council Member Fielder Present
Mayor Pro Marcotte Present
Council Member Voigt Present
3. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Consider Police Chief Appointment**
The following Police Chief candidates were interviewed:
1. Kevin Bias
2. David Egeler
3. David Robinson
4. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Bates, Second by Voigt to adjourn meeting at 8:22 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf
City Clerk
Approved: April 20, 2020
Published: April 30, 2020

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville Switches to Bi-monthly Utility Billing

Due to Covid-19 and the ongoing public safety concerns it presents, the City has switched to bi-monthly utility billing. What does this mean? You will not receive a bill from the City in the month of May. You will receive your next bill from the City on approximately June 15th. Payment will be due by July 6th. Questions? Call the Water Department at 734-697-9323 extension 7014.

Republic Waste Services Returns to Regular Full Services on Thursday, April 30th

Starting Thursday, April 30th, Republic Waste Services will resume all services including yard waste pickup. Please help us keep trash off the streets by making sure it is securely bagged before placing in trash roll-out cart. If you need to reach Republic Waste Services, you may contact the office at 800-858-0089. You will need to call this number to schedule a bulky item pickup such as a mattress or appliance.

Publish: April 30, 2020; May 7, 2020

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE
Special City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday April 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

A special called meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order by Mayor Conley at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom teleconference.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**
2. ROLL CALL
Mayor Conley Present
Council Member Bates Present
Council Member Fielder Present
Mayor Pro Marcotte Present
Council Member Voigt Present
3. GENERAL BUSINESS
A. Consider an order to opt-out of the Emergency

- Paid Sick Leave Act for police officers and firefighters**
Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve for discussion purposes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to table the request until the next meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Voigt, Second by Bates to adjourn meeting at 5:54 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf
City Clerk
Approved: April 20, 2020
Published: April 30, 2020

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 16, 2020

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**
2. ROLL CALL
Council Member Bates Present
Council Member Fielder Present
Council Member Marcotte Present
Council Member Voigt Present
Mayor Conley Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Presentations**
None
Council follow up list
None
Citizen Comments
None

- 4. AGENDA APPROVAL**
Motion by Voigt, Second by Marcotte to approve the agenda as modified.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Fielder, Second by Voigt to approve the City Council regular meeting minutes from March 2, 2020 as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Wayne County PAYS Program

City Manager Kobylarz stated that since the City does not typically have foreclosures, she recommends that Belleville opt out of the PAYS program.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve **Resolution No. 20-026** opting out of the Wayne County PAYS Program.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 20-027** for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 totaling \$415,515.06 as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. EMERGENCY PLAN

City Manager Kobylarz and Police Chief Robinson discussed the City's Emergency Plan that they had recently developed in response to the COVID-19 nationwide health emergency now affecting Michigan. Approval was given to implement key components of the plan as follows:

Motion by Fielder, Second by Bates to approve **Resolution No. 20-028** designating City Manager Tracey Kobylarz as the single point of contact for all emergency declarations affecting the City of Belleville.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion by Voigt, Second by Bates to approve **Resolution No. 20-029** to suspend the DDA's rule on access to the Community Events Sign at Main and High Streets at the City Council's discretion when needed to communicate critical/emergency information to Belleville citizens.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion by Voigt, Second by Bates to approve **Resolution No. 20-030** directing City Manager Kobylarz and Police Chief Robinson to negotiate a price to subscribe to Nixel. Once implemented, the City will send an announcement to the public.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve **Resolution No. 20-031** authorizing City Manager Kobylarz to acquire a new domain name for the website and email: bellevilleonthe lake.com.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

No official comments.

12. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

No official comments.

13. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

No official comments

14. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

15. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bates, Second by Voigt to adjourn meeting at 8:37 p.m.

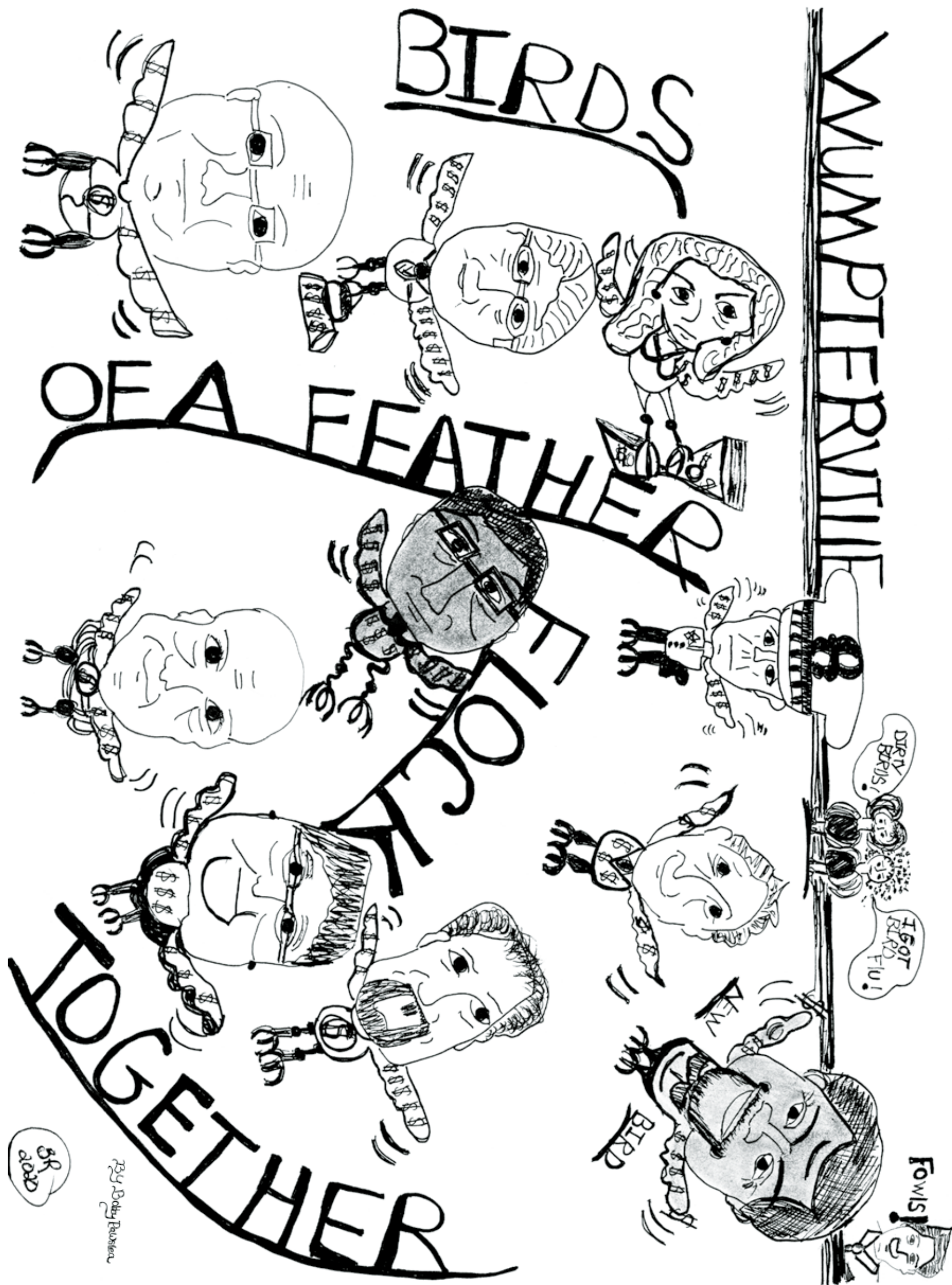
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf,

City Clerk

Approved: April 20, 2020
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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

These are the 165 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for last week.

Sunday, April 19:

0329 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0414 – shooting, Lighthouse Dr.
0650 – hospice death, Hull Rd.
0758 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1125 – 911 welfare check, Quirk Rd.
1130 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1440 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Crest Dr./Wilson Ave.

1650 – domestic, Quirk Rd.
1727 – misc. complaint, Walden Woods
1908 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1943 – suicidal person, Michigan Ave.
2000 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave.
2145 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2205 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
2241 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2359 – lost property/child, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, April 20:

0022 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
0056 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0201 – suicidal person, E. Archwood Dr.
0700 – family trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.
0721 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.

0856 – unattended death, W. Walden Dr.
0914 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1038 – traffic offense, McBride Ave./Arthur St.
1043 – assist citizen, Lake Pointe Pass
1051 – misc. complaint, Mission Pointe
1227 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1233 – animal complaint, Hoeft Rd.
1300 – family trouble, Peachtree Ln.
1308 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1804 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / McBride Ave.

1807 – motorist assist, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1852 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2119 – suspicious circumstances, Parkwood Dr.
2215 – domestic, Outer Dr.

2355 – suspicious person/vehicle, Truman

Tuesday, April 21:

0010 – suspicious person/vehicle, Colony Ln.
0047 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.
0132 – suspicious person/vehicle, Samantha Ave. / Jeremy Rd.
0139 – domestic, Denton Rd.
0725 – suspicious person/vehicle, Colony Ln.
0855 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0911 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
0959 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1038 – larceny, Bentley Dr.
1053 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

1119 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1120 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1155 – domestic, W. Archwood Dr.
1241 – civil matter, Outer Dr.
1344 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1620 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1641 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1835 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.
1946 – civil matter, Outer Dr.
2020 – parking complaint, Arthur St.
2033 – intrusion alarm, Basswood Cir.
2342 – welfare check, Country Walk Blvd.

Wednesday, April 22:

0120 – noise complaint, Hanover Dr.
0136 – suspicious person/vehicle, Vernon St.
0145 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0235 – found property/child, Park Estates Dr.
0237 – larceny from auto, Vernon St.
0245 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.
0519 – vehicle lockout, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1053 – civil matter, E. main St.
1111 – follow up by officer, Vernon St.
1119 – welfare check, Van Buren St.
1247 – civil matter, Outer Dr.
1255 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
1308 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa
1408 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
1506 – domestic, Union St.
1522 – fraud, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1538 – domestic, Rogers Ave.
1547 – suicidal person, S. Ponderosa Trl.

1549 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1551 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1645 – ordinance violation, Michigan Ave.
1648 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1706 – larceny, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
1811 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1914 – intrusion alarm, Pinewood Ln.
2028 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
2205 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
2230 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2241 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville
2308 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2350 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jeremy Rd. / Patty Ln.

Thursday, April 23:

0045 – harassment call, Edwards Rd.
0059 – threat, Daisy Blvd.
0123 – noise complaint, Parkwood
0621 – family trouble, Park Estates Dr.
0905 – unattended death, Van Buren St.
0910 – larceny from auto, Lacy Dr.
1209 – unattended death, Maple Dr.
1225 – fraud, Denton Rd.
1311 – animal complaint, Savage/Sheldon
1349 – follow up by officer, Haggerty Rd.
1406 – intrusion alarm, Fairfield Dr.
1408 – welfare check, Country Ln.
1434 – intrusion alarm, Winding Pond Dr.
1515 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1722 – welfare check, Rogers Ave.
1746 – intrusion alarm, Andover Dr.
1818 – family trouble, Milton Dr.
1832 – civil matter, Winchester St.
1845 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arborview Ln. / N Timberview Dr.

1900 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1904 – traffic offense, Ironwood Dr.
1953 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.

2149 – domestic, Tyler Rd.

2222 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.

Friday, April 24:

0011 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
0035 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0202 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.

0439 – noise complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0832 – retail fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
1039 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1113 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hoeft Rd.
1157 – ordinance violation, Denton Rd.
1216 – shooting, Burtrig St.
1225 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1233 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1321 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1402 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1504 – noise complaint, Bog Rd.
1600 – fraud, Denton Rd.
1614 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
1646 – intrusion alarm, Michigan Ave.
1753 – unattended death, S. Bellridge Dr.
1846 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1920 – intrusion alarm, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2014 – harassment call, Vernon St.
2048 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2224 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arborview Ln. / N. Timberview Dr.

2310 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, April 25:

0446 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.
0646 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1200 – dumping complaint, Denton Rd./Cedar St.
1319 – fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
1322 – assist fire dept., S. Bellridge Dr.
1341 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
1407 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.
1500 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1525 – missing person, Belleville Rd.
1607 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
1621 – traffic offense, Michigan Ave. / Rawsonville Rd.

1730 – suicidal person, S. Bellridge Dr.
1809 – traffic offense, Victoria St.
1843 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1956 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
1956 – misc. complaint, Edwards Rd.
2015 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2021 – family trouble, Freedom Way
2033 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
2118 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage/Sheldon
2149 – threat, Riggs Rd.

2148 – traffic offense, Daisy Blvd.
2331 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
2359 – civil matter, Sheldon Rd.
There were no traffic stops on this week's log.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 19:

0136 – abandoned auto, Sumpter Rd.
0542 – ordinance violation, Industrial Park Dr.
0555 – ordinance violation, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0603 – ordinance violation, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1307 – intrusion alarm, Menlo Park Dr.
1423 – neighbor trouble, Belle Villa Blvd. / Estrada
1621 – motorist assist, Main St.
1921 – leaving the scene of the property damage accident, South St./Main St.

Monday, April 20:

0136 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St./Davis
0801 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.
2004 – domestic, Carmell St.

Tuesday, April 21:

0619 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont
0749 – animal complaint, Madelon St.
1246 – fraud, E. Huron River Dr.
1847 – assist other dept., Main St.
2246 – 911 welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.

Wednesday, April 22:

1604 – vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.
1713 – follow up by officer, Winding Pond
2032 – road hazard, Main St./E. Huron River Dr.
2213 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia

Thursday, April 23:

0000 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave, apt.
0422 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1416 – welfare check, Main St.
1704 – intrusions alarm, Henry St.
1957 – trespassing, Church St.

Friday, April 24:

0544 – misc. complaint, Fourth St. Square
0932 – intrusion alarm, Fifth St.
1811 – fraud, Henry St.

Saturday, April 25:

0122 – misc. complaint, Main St./Fourth St.
1331 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
1741 – suicidal person, Carmell
2113 – shooting, Victorian Ln.

There were no traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 19:

0049 – noise complaint, Edgewood Rd.
1039 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1344 – fire dept. assist, Country Club Blvd.
1352 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1402 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.

1429 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1744 – shots fired, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1825 – death investigation, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1908 – family trouble, 8000 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1958 – mental health call, 45000 bl. Bontekoe St.
2143 – suspicious circumstances, 48000 bl. Willis

Monday, April 20:

1228 – citizen assist, Willow Rd./Clark Rd.
1254 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1446 – alarm, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1503 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1723 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Crandell

Ct.
1736 – neighborhood trouble, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2223 – off road vehicle complaint, 29000 bl. Elwell

Rd.
2306 – family trouble, Carriage Ln.

Tuesday, April 21:

0025 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0027 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0157 – down wires, 9900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0331 – citizen assist, W. Arizona St.
0730 – alarm, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0740 – fire dept. assist, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1506 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1747 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
2343 – civil matter, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

Wednesday, April 22:

0151 – suspicious vehicle, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
0711 – property damage accident, Willis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
0830 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
0851 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
0927 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1545 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 46000

bl. Willis Rd.
1840 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. out of township

Thursday, April 23:

0001 – prisoner check, Huron Twp. PD
0134 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
0927 – larceny, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1012 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd
1157 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1208 – civil matter, Carriage Ln.
1239 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1744 – suspicious person, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Sumpter Rd.

1934 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2038 – welfare check, Edgewood Rd.
2045 – suspicious circumstances, 46000 bl. Judd

Friday, April 24:

0757 – fire dept. assist, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1117 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1118 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1258 – suspicious circumstances, 23000 bl. Clark
1441 – fraud complaint, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
1913 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2003 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
2022 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2152 – 911 hang up, Green Meadow Dr.
2202 – noise complaint, Knollwood Dr.

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2210 – citizen assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
Saturday, April 25:
0001 – fire dept. assist, 9200 bl. Rawsonville
0547 – fire dept. assist, 9200 bl. Rawsonville
1237 – assist other agency, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1250 – civil matter, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1339 – suspicious circumstances, 44000 bl. Bemis
1551 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1820 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
2209 – noise complaint, Rustic Ln.
2249 – mental health call, Elwell Rd./Willow Rd.
Also on this week's log are 65 patrol checks, three miscellaneous details, and two traffic stops.

Regular compost, recycling pickup due to resume in Belleville

Normal trash, recycling, and compost pick up will resume in the City of Belleville on Thursday, April 30, according to interim city manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz.

Compost pickup resumed in Van Buren Township on April 20.

Correction: Bullock, Chapman also file for State Representative

On the front page of the April 23 edition of the *Independent*, we published the list of those who had filed for State Representative in the 21st District as of the 4 p.m., April 21 deadline. But, the list wasn't complete.

The names of Harold Bullock, 7716 Marlowe Rd., Van Buren Township, and James F. Chapman, 45122 Hull Rd., Van Buren Township, both filing as Republicans, were added to the list after our last check of the candidates before deadline. They should be on the list, as well. We regret the error.

Others running for State Representative in the 21st District to replace Rep. Kristy Pagan who is term-limited are: Democrats Ethan Petzold, 45415 Brunswick Dr., Canton, and Ranjeev Puri, 761 Roosevelt, Canton. Also filing were Republicans Laurel Hess, 1201 Liberty Ct., Canton; James Nangle, 44047 Southampton Dr., Canton; and Jessica Sohoza, 13722 Milton Dr., Van Buren Township.

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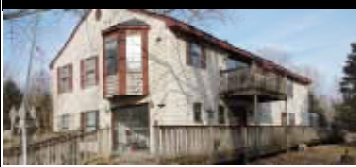
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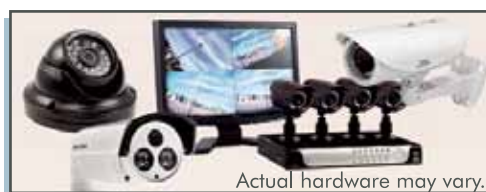
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